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## Letter dated 29 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that during his visit to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya from 20 to 22 September 2000 Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Republic of Somalia, met in Sirte with Mr. Hussein Mohammed Farah Aidid, Mr. Ahmed Omar Jess and Mr. Abdikarim Ahmed Ali, the leaders of the National Somali Coalition. The meeting was held in order to complement the previous efforts and initiatives for the achievement of national reconciliation in Somalia and the maintenance of the country's independence, unity and territorial integrity and its return to the international fold, in particular the Djibouti peace initiative and the efforts of Yemen, and as a reaffirmation of the successful initiatives undertaken by the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The meeting culminated with the adoption of a press communiqué, the text of which we transmit to you herewith (see annex). As we inform you of these developments, we assure you that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya will continue its efforts for reconciliation in Somalia and the resolution of all conflicts in the African continent.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Press communiqué issued at Sirte on 22 September 2000**

Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Republic of Somalia, visited the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya at the head of a high-level delegation between 20 and 22 September 2000. During his visit he met with Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi, Leader of the Great 1 September Revolution, and they held fraternal talks that addressed all of the issues of concern to the two countries, in particular the national reconciliation process in Somalia, the return of the country to the international fold and the need for support to be provided in order to achieve security, stability and development in Somalia and in the region in general.

President Abdikassim Salad Hassan commended the efforts undertaken by Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi, Leader of the Great 1 September Revolution, to promote concord and national reconciliation in Somalia.

President Abdikassim Salad Hassan and his accompanying delegation met with the eaders of the Somali National Alliance, Mr. Hussein Mohammed Farah Aidid, Mr. Ahmed Omar Jess and Mr. Abdikarim Ahmed Ali, who were present in the Great Jamahiriya at the time of the visit. Intensive talks were held by the two parties, focusing on the importance of concord and national reconciliation and on the need for concerted efforts to restore security, stability and development to Somalia. The two parties expressed an understanding of the need for dispatch in taking the necessary measures to build the executive institutions established by the conference held in Arta in the Republic of Djibouti, including measures for the formation of a government and the revival of State institutions.

For their part, the leaders of the Somali National Alliance affirmed their commitment to the principle of national reconciliation and their support for measures to achieve stability, security and development through a return to legitimacy. President Abdikassim Salad Hassan stressed that it was essential for the leaders of the Somali National Alliance to join the reconciliation process and to participate in the government and the executive organs established by the Arta conference.

President Abdikassim Salad Hassan conveyed his full support for the historic Sirte Declaration of 9 September 1999 and Somalia's commitment to the establishment of the African Union. Somalia would sign the founding statute of the Union.

President Abdikassim Salad Hassan expressed Somalia's support for the Sahel and Sahara States Grouping (SSSG) and its commitment to joining the grouping in the future.

President Abdikassim Salad Hassan and the leaders of the Somali National Alliance expressed their gratitude and appreciation to the Leader of the Great 1 September Revolution and to the Libyan people for the warm reception and generous hospitality accorded to them as well as for the major efforts being made by Colonel Muammar Al-Qadhafi, Leader of the Great 1 September Revolution, to promote national reconciliation in Somalia and advance the causes of the African continent. The President extended to him an invitation to visit Somalia at an appropriate juncture, and the Leader accepted it with gratitude.